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The Glastonbury Town Council
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Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. Riverfront Park.

Work continues to develop a corrective action plan for vertical and horizontal movement in affected areas of the riverfront park. As you know, this issue was first identified in September and I thought a summary of actions since that time would be helpful.

- Issue identified, monitored and geotechnical analysis initiated.
- 200 feet of new drainage line installed northerly from boat house.
- Fill material removed from area below patio and northerly to join area excavated for drainage system.
- Soil testing through inclinometers.
- Ongoing discussions and meetings with project geotechnical, town independent geotechnical consultant, town staff and others to evaluate test results and develop corrective action concept.
- Continuing survey work to monitor horizontal and vertical movement.
- Review of corrective action options and plans.
- Testing through cone penetrometer – analysis.

As you might imagine, each phase required thoughtful review and time to schedule and execute, analyze results and develop next-steps.

The global stability concept plan calls for installation of large and medium size riprap in the river along the toe of the slope westerly of the general boat house area. The riprap would extend 200 to 300 linear feet to a distance of 50± feet into the river. This will provide resistance to any soils movement to the west/river. The area excavated below the patio and for the drainage system would remain excavated to keep weight off the upper portion of the slope. A restoration plan would include a decking/boardwalk system, geofoam blocks or some other design consistent with overall park amenities. The global stability plan will be reviewed by State and Federal regulatory agencies over coming weeks.

All continue to work cooperatively to develop a cost effective, lasting solution.

2. Democracy Cup.

Per the attached, Glastonbury is recognized in the Large Town category for voter turnout on Election Day in early November. Glastonbury was similarly recognized in the Mid-Size Town category in 2002.

3. Putnam Bridge.

At the November 12th meeting, Councilmember Gullotta expressed a concern for the fencing installed along the new pedestrian walkway on the Putnam Bridge. As requested, I forwarded this concern to the State DOT. A reply on behalf of Commissioner Redeker is attached.

4. Expense Report.

My expense report for the September through December 2014 was forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council recognizing receipt of this report on Tuesday evening.

5. Textile Recycling.

The Town has received the first payment for textile recycling at the Transfer Station. From mid-October through December, 2.02 tons were collected at \$100/ton. This provides another recycling opportunity for Glastonbury residents and is well received.

6. **Sunday Leaf Drop Off.**

A number of years ago, the Transfer Station was opened on 6 Sundays from October through November to provide for residential leaf drop-off. This program has been well received from the start. This year there were 734 trips during the 6 Sunday schedule.

7. **Recycling.**

The Town's contract with CRRA (now MIRA) provides for a \$10/ton payment for recyclables delivered to the regional recycling facility in Hartford. For fiscal year 2014 recyclables totaled 3,617 tons. Glastonbury has received a \$36,171 payment. This recycling saved \$220,646 in waste disposal fees.

8. **Annual Audit.**

A copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2014 is forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council assigning 2 members to attend the Audit Exit conference.

9. **Budget Schedule.**

A reminder that the annual CIP Workshop is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21st at the RCC. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28th in Council Chambers.

10. **Santa's Run Road Race.**

The publication "*New England Runner*" has again included the Glastonbury Santa's Run Road Race among New England's top 75 races. The event in early December last year attracted some 1,350 runners.

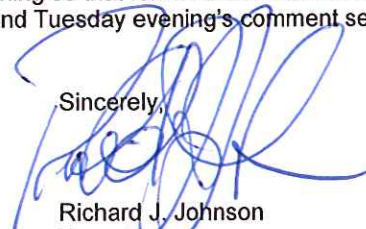
11. **Worker's Compensation Audit.**

CIRMA has completed its review and rating of the 2013-2014 Worker's Compensation audit. This results in a return of premium totaling \$20,379.

12. **Poet Laureate:**

This topic is scheduled for Council action on Tuesday evening so that formal action can be scheduled accordingly. I understand Dr. Michael Lepore and Sandy Sergio will attend Tuesday evening's comment session to offer comments in this regard.

Sincerely,



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- NEWS RELEASE -

**SECRETARY MERRILL AWARDS 2014 DEMOCRACY
CUP TO CORNWALL, GUILFORD, GLASTONBURY
AND FAIRFIELD FOR HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE AWARDING DEMOCRACY CUP TROPHIES TO CITY, LARGE TOWN,
MID-SIZE TOWN AND SMALL TOWN WITH HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT FOR NOVEMBER 4TH
GENERAL ELECTION

Hartford: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today announced the winners of the 2014 "Democracy Cup" for the highest voter turnout percentage in the 2014 general election in Connecticut to the towns of Cornwall (74.77%), Guilford (71.16%), Glastonbury (68.96%) and the city of Fairfield (56.96%). The award is given annually to the small, mid-sized, large towns and city with the highest voter turnout on Election Day.

"We saw a healthy voter turnout of 56% of registered voters statewide on Election Day in 2014, and nearly 14,000 new voters cast ballots statewide due to Election Day Registration," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's Chief Elections Official. "Our small towns yet again really set an example for all of the voters in Connecticut of why elections and participating in democracy are important. I congratulate Cornwall, Guilford, Glastonbury and Fairfield leading the rest of the state in their categories for voter turnout."

Co-sponsored by the East Haddam Civic Association since 2000, the Democracy Cup was created as a way to encourage voter participation in each year's elections. Under Democracy Cup criteria, towns with fewer than 5,000 registered voters are considered small; municipalities with between 5,000 and 14,999 and voters are considered mid-sized, towns with 15,000 and 34,999 registered voters are considered large towns. Cities with more than 35,000 registered voters are their own category.

Overall, statewide voter turnout was 55.57% in the 2014 General Election, slightly less than the last non-Presidential state election turnout of 57.45% in 2010. The Democracy Cup award includes trophies and a ceremony to be planned at a later date.

**Democracy Cup Winners
2000-2014**

YEAR	SMALL TOWN	MID-SIZE TOWN	LARGE TOWN	CITY
2014	Cornwall	Guilford	Glastonbury	Fairfield
2012	Bridgewater	Granby	Middletown	Stamford
2011	Hampton	Middlebury	Trumbull	Waterbury
2010	Roxbury	Granby	Simsbury	Stamford
2009	Bridgewater	Orange	East Haven	Stamford
2008	New Hartford	Avon	Newtown	Stamford
2007	East Haven	North Haven	West Hartford	
2006	Union	Westport	West Hartford	
2005	Middlebury	Shelton	West Hartford	
2004	Washington	Wethersfield	Fairfield	
2003	Washington	Naugatuck	West Hartford	
2002	Middlebury	Glastonbury	West Hartford	
2001	Washington	Trumbull	Waterbury	
2000	Essex	Westport	West Hartford	



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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Commissioner Redeker has referred your letter dated November 19, 2014, regarding the protective fencing along the walkway of the newly rehabilitated Putnam Bridge, to the Bureau of Policy and Planning for response.

The Department of Transportation (Department) appreciates the concerns of the Glastonbury Town Council regarding the fencing on the bridge walkway. The fencing on the Putnam Bridge exceeds both the national and State standard for height while maintaining the aesthetics and beautiful river vistas which were an important design consideration. It is therefore the Department's opinion that the fencing will be adequate to provide safety.

The bridge fencing will be 63.5 inches above the walking surface, with railings at 27.5 inches and 39.5 inches. AASHTO Bike Guide specifies that the fencing must be a minimum of 42 inches. The Department's Highway Design Manual requires that a fence must be a minimum of 60 inches in height on a bridge with sidewalk.

The Department looks forward to improving the utility of this new pedestrian facility with the completion of design and construction of adjoining walkways to the local road system. This non-motorized connection will vastly enhance regional transportation options for those without vehicles. The Department encourages Glastonbury, Wethersfield and the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) to prioritize this project through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process as we seek equitable funding mechanisms for the project. Again, the Department would like to express its appreciation for your interest in the safety of non-motorized users.

Sincerely,



Thomas Maziarz

Bureau Chief

Connecticut Department of Transportation